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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE.

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1. DURING 1976, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC) MADE
ONE TRIP AT A COST TO MILITARY BUDGET FUNDS OF \$4400 FOR
TRAVEL, TO CIVIL BUDGET FUNDS OF \$2803 FOR PER DIEM PAY-
MENTS FOR THE 3 INTERNATIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL (2 INTERPRE-
TERS, 1 SECRETARY) AND TO NATIONAL BUDGETS OF AN UNKNOWN
AMOUNT FOR PER DIEM FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (US MEMBER
DID NOT PARTICIPATE). THERE HAVE BEEN 2 MBC TRIPS IN 1977
AT AN MBC COST OF \$6300, CBC COST OF \$4167, AND US COST OF
\$800.

2. THE TWO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES TRAVEL TOGETHER AND
ONLY ON INVITATION BY COUNTRIES WISHING TO HOST VISITS TO
DISPLAY ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAM AND TO PERMIT
NATIONAL LOBBYING WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE HOST NATION
PAYS ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM BRUSSELS TO THE COUNTRY
AND WITHIN COUNTRY. THE ONLY NATO BUDGET COSTS ARE FOR PER
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DIEM OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) MEMBERS (NORMALLY THE TWO
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES PLUS ONE OR TWO OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF). INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE TRIPS ARE NORMALLY LIMITED TO ONE A YEAR, BUT
OCCASIONALLY LACK OF COORDINATION RESULTS IN TWO INVITATIONS
IN THE SAME YEAR AS WAS THE CASE IN 1977 WHEN BOTH COM-
MITTEES TRAVELED TO GREENLAND/CANADA FOR TWO WEEKS AND

LATER TO GERMANY FOR ONE WEEK. THE COST FOR THE FIRST TRIP WAS \$4400 FROM THE CIVIL BUDGET FOR PER FIEM OF IS MEMBERS (PLUS US COST OF \$970 FOR US MISSION PERSONNEL) AND THE COST FOR THE SECOND TRIP WAS \$1500 FROM THE CIVIL BUDGET (PLUS \$300 FOR US MISSION PERSONNEL). PEREZ

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